

# WILSON VIEWS RUINS MADE BY GERMANS THROUGH BELGIUM

Was Taken to Charleroi Today by King Albert in Order That He Might See What Terrible Devastation Had Been Wrought in the Invasion of Germans.

DOCUMENTARY PROOF  
ALSO SUBMITTED

Wilson Was Received With Great Acclaim by Belgian People, Being Cheered by Vast Throngs in the Cities Which He and Mrs. Wilson Visited.

Brussels, June 19.—President Wilson, who reached the Belgian capital last night after a day's trip from the border which took him through the districts devastated by the war, began the second day of his visit to Belgium this morning by motoring to Charleroi with King Albert. The king expected to show the American executive the destruction wrought by the Germans at Charleroi and present him with documentary information of the wholesale and systematic destruction practiced by the Germans.

The president was not accompanied on the Charleroi visit by Mrs. Wilson, who was somewhat fatigued after yesterday's trying journey.

A luncheon at the American legation, the appearance of the president before the Belgian Chamber of Deputies and his reception by Cardinal Mercier at Melines were on today's program.

In the palace the president had met all the members of the Belgian cabinet and Cardinal Mercier. By calling first, the cardinal offered a diplomatic route for the president's call upon him at Melines today.

The general council of the Belgian labor party has addressed a message to President Wilson, in which it says:

"The labor party repudiates any peace of violence and awaits the reign of a definite peace assuring the sovereignty of labor and the triumph of President Wilson's principles."

The address recalls the intervention of the United States in the war, and adds:

"If the working classes everywhere were masters of their destinies it is beyond doubt that the president's program would have completely triumphed at the peace conference and Belgium would have obtained complete reparation for the losses she suffered."

Brussels, Wednesday, June 18 (By the Associated Press).—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, with King Albert and Queen Elizabeth as their guides, saw the devastation visited upon Belgium by the Germans. The first part of their visit deeply affected the Americans.

The second phase was entirely different.

In the forenoon almost no residents were encountered. In the afternoon the appearance of the president at Zebrugge and finally Brussels was made the occasion of demonstrations that might have been accorded a conquering hero.

The night run from Paris ended at Adinkerke, just across the Franco-Belgian frontier, where King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and a party of Belgian officers waited to receive the president. King Albert wore his officer's suit of khaki, and Queen Elizabeth a simple white dress, with a dark blue motor car.

Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, accompanied the king and queen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson throughout the trip.

From time to time the cavalcade halted to permit the visitors to study at close range some piece of destruction that was unusually thorough. Nieuport was the first halt. President Wilson, who was riding with King Albert, followed Queen Elizabeth and Mrs. Wilson, who descended from the next car, and walked through what had been the city of Nieuport to the ruins of the canal.

The only houses that were intact or even habitable were one or two frame shacks which were recently erected for the entertainment of tourists.

From Nieuport eastward along the old line of trenches to Dixmude, where the lines at one time almost touched each other, the party alighted at one or two places to examine the nature of the trenches. It then went on toward Ypres. All that part of the ride was in an almost deserted country. There were very few refugees and there could be seen little attempt toward reclaiming the soil.

It was like a dead country. Here and there a civilian was encountered but always his face expressed seeming hopelessness. Ypres, however, showed a somewhat greater display of animation. Notwithstanding the terrible destruction wrought there, a few former residents have found their way back and a dozen or more frame buildings have been erected to serve as hotels, restaurants, drinking places and small shops. They reflect the only industry in the place, catering to tourists, both official and unofficial.

A semblance of civil government has been restored in this district and the burgomaster appeared before the president, thanking him for what America did for Belgium. The British garrison and a number of British nurses added to the crowd that gathered to welcome the party. The work of salvaging war material on the Ypres battlefield is almost completed, but enough remained to add to the depression of the king and his guests. Scores of battered and broken

tanks on both sides of Ypres served to justify its characterization as "the tank graveyard."

The party lunched in picnic style in the Houthout forest. This piece of woods, like all others in that zone, is but the skeleton of a forest. It is the well back of the old German lines. In Menin, where the work of destruction was less marked, the people gave the party the first real greeting of the day. The town was decorated and apparently all the inhabitants were in the streets. The word had gone out that the king's guests were President Wilson and his wife and after this time whenever the party passed through a town it seemed that every man, woman and child was in the streets. Schools were dismissed, or the pupils were brought in a body to join in the demonstrations. It seemed there were at least eight children for every adult and it was only rarely that Mr. Wilson failed to answer the cries for the American president.

The visit at Ostend was most interesting. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were taken out to the mole, which was broken last April by the British, and from there saw the rusting parts of the hulls of vessels which were sunk in the channel to the sea. At Zebrugge, Captain Carpenter, former commander of the British battleship Vindictive which figured in the attack on that U-boat base and which was later sunk at Ostend, met the party and with Captain Nevins, senior officer, accompanied Mr. Wilson, at the request of the king, explaining how the attack was made.

Brussels was reached at 9:15 o'clock to-night. Through the cheering crowds in the streets and past buildings bright with the flags of Belgium and the United States the president was taken to the palace, where he was presented to members of the household. He was tired with much driving at necessarily high speed over rather bad roads and retired comparatively early. His hosts have planned a program for tomorrow which will take up every moment of his time until late at night. During the day he will deliver at least three addresses.

## NOT WORKING SOLELY FOR ORGANIZED LABOR

Sec. Wilson Made Denial of Report When He Appeared Before Congressional Committees.

Washington, D. C., June 19.—In defending the United States employment service before a joint meeting today of the House and Senate labor committees, Secretary Wilson denied that the labor department was being operated solely in the interests of organized labor.

The secretary charged that a "systematic and persistent campaign of misrepresentation" had been carried on against the employment service because of its efforts to recruit only union men for shipyards at Seattle, Wash. He explained that under contracts made between the shipyard owners and labor organization in Seattle in which the government had had no part, those yards were operated by union labor only and declared that in view of this condition it would have been a "crime to have sent non-union men to Seattle in the hope of finding work."

Secretary Wilson said the service furnished thousands of men to the yards in other parts of the country operated on an "open shop" basis.

"The policy of the department," said the secretary, "has been to promote the welfare of labor without doing so at the expense of any other portion of the community."

PERSHING SENDS THANKS  
For Co-operation Shown by the French People.

Paris, June 18.—General Pershing has written to M. Goyon, president of the municipal council of Paris, expressing his thanks and those of the American army for marks of sympathy shown by the city, especially in permitting the American army and welfare organizations connected with it to bring articles and provisions into the capital free of city duties.

"I desire to express my appreciation," General Pershing wrote, "that the expressions of good will will not be lost, but will further the affection held by the Americans who have sojourned there. They have been numerous in the past, and it is my belief that their number will be greater in the future."

FOOD SHIPS ON WAY AGAIN.  
Had Been Detained at Deal, England, for a Few Days.

Deal, England, Wednesday, June 18.—The eight American steamers with cargoes of provisions for Germany, which were detained here a few days, have proceeded for German ports. There was a report early today that they would be held pending the signing of the peace treaty.

REFUSE STRIKE SOLUTION.  
Ansonia, Conn., Strikers Say Mayor Mead Was Not Authorized.

Ansonia, Conn., June 19.—The American Brass company strikers voted yesterday morning not to return to work under the terms of the agreement secured by Mayor Mead. It was stated that the meeting that the mayor was not authorized to negotiate with the company in behalf of the strikers and the committee with which the mayor conferred.

TO RESTORE WIRE LINES.  
House Passed the Amended House Bill Today.

Washington, D. C., June 19.—After reconsidering its action extending government fixed telegraph rates for six months, the House today, without a record vote, passed the amended Senate bill providing for the restoration of telegraph and telephone properties to private control and repealing the law under which those properties and the cable systems were taken over by the president.

## 16,925 TROOPS LANDED TO-DAY

Five Transports Unloaded  
Great Burdens at  
New York

COMPLETE UNITS  
ON SOME VESSELS

113th Engineers Were Carried  
on the Great Northern,  
Many Casuals Included

New York, June 19.—Five transports, carrying 16,925 troops, arrived here today from French ports. The Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm arrived from Brest shortly after sunrise with 3,622 men on board. She was followed by the Panaman, from St. Nazaire, with 2,167; the South Bend, from Bordeaux, with 2,270; the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, from Brest, with 4,485; and the Great Northern, from Brest, with 3,381.

Prinz Frederick Wilhelm brought the 21st machine gun battalion complete; American mission mallet reserve headquarters and motor commands; and casual companies organized from troops of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

On the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria were units of the 3d and 6th field artillery brigade headquarters; 302d motor transport unit; 6th sanitary train; 18th and 18th machine gun battalions.

The South Bend brought the 217th, 236th and 238th military police companies, 22d evacuation ambulance company, 308th field remount squadron and casual companies from New York scattered points.

On the Panaman were units of the 15th cavalry, 317th machine gun battalion, 323d infantry machine gun company and casuals.

The Great Northern brought the entire 20th machine gun battalion; 113th engineers complete; Company M, 21st engineers; one officer and 31 men of the 28th engineers regimental headquarters detachment.

STRIKE RANKS GROW.  
Approximately 5,000 Men Are Out at Waterbury, Conn.

Waterbury, Conn., June 19.—Approximately 5,000 men are on strike here today. Walkouts took place this morning at the plants of the Scoville Manufacturing company, the Chase Rolling Mill company, the Chase Metal works, the Waterbury Rolling Mill company, the Plumb and Atwood Manufacturing company and the Waterbury Manufacturing company. About 3,000 of the 5,000 men on strike walked out yesterday and 2,500 of this number are employees of the local branches of the American Brass company. The walkouts today were not attended by disorders. The police called upon to act only to disperse crowds.

Three men were arrested at the plant of the Chase Metal works. Two were charged with breach of the peace and one with loitering.

A petition for permission to hold meetings presented to Mayor George H. Hall by strikers was referred to the superintendent of police, George M. Beach.

Superintendent Beach has decided to let the strikers hold their meetings, providing they hold them in an open lot, that the police are notified before all meetings so that they might have police protection on hand, and that no speakers are brought here from other cities without the permission of the head of the police department. The police department head denies the strikers the privilege of parading with a banner through the city to advertise the meetings.

FLYING TO VERMONT  
FOR COMMENCEMENT  
Two Men Left Mineola, N. Y., To-day on 250-Mile Trip on Which They Expect to Make Several Stops.

Mineola, N. Y., June 19.—Bound for the commencement exercises of Middlebury college and the University of Vermont, from which they were graduated, respectively, Charles S. Jones of Rutland, Vt., formerly of French "Spad" squadron No. 95, and Ralph H. Mann, a Worcester, Mass., banker, left Roosevelt field in an airplane at 10 a. m. for Middlebury and Burlington, Vt.

The 250-mile route is up the Hudson river to Albany and Glens Falls, thence along the large canal, through the lower part of Lake Champlain and along the Vermont side, the aviators planning to make one or more stops en route.

HAS PLUMLEY RESIGNED?  
Some Say Positively That He Has Tendered Resignation.

"Has Charles A. Plumley of Northfield resigned as state tax commissioner?" is a question that is being asked about the State House at Montpelier, as well as elsewhere in the state. There are some who assert positively that Mr. Plumley has resigned, but no one with authority wants to discuss the matter. Gov. Clement is said to have stated Wednesday afternoon that he had not received Mr. Plumley's resignation. Mr. Plumley is in Chicago attending the national meeting of tax commissioners.

Accidental Death.  
Bridgeport, Conn., June 19.—Accidental death was the finding made public today by Governor Phelps in the case of Nathan Hale, six years old, of Danbury, killed on May 12 by an automobile driven by Miss Marie Walsh of Ridgefield. The accident occurred in Danbury.

ROOM FOR BUT ONE FLAG.  
And That Is American Flag, Says Maj. Gen. Wood.

Philadelphia, June 19.—Major General Leonard Wood, speaking today at the commencement exercises of the University of Pennsylvania, urged that this country must do the right thing by the returning soldiers. "If we do," he declared, "we shall have in the home of each one of them a center of patriotism and a spirit of service which will go far to keep alive a sound, patriotic spirit. A great part of the world is very much upset, and dangerous ideas are abroad. We must do all we can to build up an intense spirit of Americanism."

"There is room in this country for but one flag, and that is the American flag," he continued. "Put down the red flag. It stands for nothing which our government stands for. It is against everything we have struggled for."

General Wood urged that Americans do everything possible to "maintain that fine feeling which exists between ourselves and the allies," adding:

"Strong propaganda will eventually be brought to bear upon our people, with a view to driving a wedge between us and the allies, especially between ourselves on the one side and England, France and Italy on the other. The enemy does not want an enduring understanding between us. If he can separate us and sow discord and hate he may yet win the war."

A sound system of national preparedness must be established, he declared. "We want a great navy, always ready, and a regular army sufficient to the peace needs of the nation, and adequate as a training force for our citizen soldiers," he stated. And, as I see it, a system not unlike the Swiss in its general character, but embodying much of industrial and vocational training."

GYPSY WOMAN HELD  
FOR \$240 LARCENY  
Lulu Mitchell, Brazilian, Is Alleged to Have "Short Changed" Bank at Greenwich, Conn.

Greenwich, Conn., June 19.—Lulu Mitchell, a Brazilian and member of a band of gypsies camped at Danbury, was held for superior court today by Judge Mead on the charge of larceny of \$240 from the Greenwich Trust company yesterday. The woman has five children, and a cash bond for her will be offered. Her husband offered to pay back the money taken from the trust company by the "short change game."

A man under arrest at Stamford is said to belong to the band.

HARVARD'S HEROES HONORED  
When 289 Degrees Were Conferred on Men Who Served in War.

Cambridge, Mass., June 19.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, Major General Enoch H. Crowder, Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross, and the late Robert Bacon, former secretary of state and ambassador to France, were awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Harvard university today.

Other honorary degrees conferred included: Master of Arts—Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt; Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whitteley of Pittsfield, commander of the "lost battalion"; Maj. George M. Murphy, who served under Col. Whitteley; Herbert H. White of Cambridge, in charge of the Harvard surgical unit with the British forces.

A total of 1,224 degrees were awarded at the commencement exercises, of which 289 were honorary causes for war service. Thirty-two of those thus honored gave their lives in the war. Many members of the senior class are still in service and were not able to be present today.

MAY RE-OPEN ACADEMY.  
Trustees of Vermont Academy at Saxtons River Consider Proposition.

Rutland, June 19.—The trustees of Vermont academy at Saxtons River held their annual meeting and reorganized the board, injecting much needed new life into the organization. The following executive board was chosen: For three years, Dr. W. A. Davidson, Burlington; Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Robinson, Boston; Henry L. Bowles, Springfield, Mass.; John L. Barrett, Washington, D. C.; for two years, Fred G. Field, Springfield, Dr. F. I. Osgood, Saxtons River, Charles Clift, Pittsburg, Pa.; Olin Gay, Cavendish, for one year; F. B. Locke, Saxtons River; John E. Piddock, Brattleboro; W. B. Glynn, Saxtons River; Gov. W. W. Stickney, Ludlow, Henry Bond, Brattleboro.

The trustees will hold another meeting June 27 at Saxtons River, when Dr. Frank W. Padelford of Boston, educational secretary of the northern Baptist convention, will meet with them and discuss plans for reopening the academy next fall.

BURIAL AT MONTPELIER.  
Mrs. Mary Frances Cummins Died at Bennington.

Bennington, June 19.—Mrs. Mary Frances Cummins, widow of the late A. O. Cummins, died late Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Howe. She was born at Rumney, N. H., but became a resident of Walden some years before her marriage to Mr. Cummins in 1863. Of her six children three are now living, the daughter at whose home she died and two sons, A. A. Cummins of Pierre, S. D., and H. O. Cummins of Redding, Cal.

There was a prayer service at the house here last evening and today the remains were taken to Montpelier for interment.

D. S. C. AWARDED  
Lieut. Clarence W. Geer of Torrington, Conn., One of Honored Men.

Washington, D. C., June 19.—Award of the distinguished service cross to the following men was announced today by the war department:

Lieut. Clarence W. Geer, Torrington, Conn.

Corporals Paul W. Bradley, Short Hills, N. J.; Matthew Brennan, Hoboken, N. J.

PENN. SENATE RATIFIES.  
And House Will Take Action During the Next Week.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 19.—The Pennsylvania Senate today passed finally, 31 to 6, the joint resolution ratifying the federal suffrage amendment to the constitution. The resolution was sent to the House, where it will be acted upon before final adjournment of the legislature next Thursday.

## WANTS ALIEN INFLOW CHECKED

American Federation of Labor Adopted the Resolution

LENGTHY DEBATE  
PRECEDED ACTION

The Radical Element Bitterly Assailed the Restriction Idea

Atlantic City, N. J., June 19.—The American Federation of Labor, in annual convention here, adopted today a resolution favoring the restriction of immigration during the reconstruction period.

In a debate continuing longer than two hours the radical element bitterly assailed the idea, while the conservatives, led by Secretary Frank Morrison, insisted it was necessary as a means of protecting American labor from "exploitation by vested interests."

The convention adopted also a resolution condemning "unscrupulous by the judiciary of the legislative and executive power of the government." In the resolution the judiciary was condemned as being "autocratic, despotic and tyrannical."

In a resolution adopted today, condemning what was declared to be "unscrupulous by the judiciary" of the government's legislative and executive powers, the federation recommended that organized labor should disregard injunctive decrees of courts, on the ground that such decrees violated rights guaranteed under the constitution.

The memorial demanded that judges who exceeded their authority should be promptly impeached. It asserted that "our courts and judges have been disregarding the rights of the people and exercising powers more tyrannical than any assumed by the most tyrannical despot ever known to history."

The resolution charged further that the courts had subordinated the legislative and executive departments of the government through their will. The courts were described as "sinister influences and creating the worst sort of autocracy."

A recommendation presented by the federation's executive council was adopted as part of the resolution, recommending that the supreme courts of the states and the United States have some of their powers taken away from them and be reorganized.

SLIGHT CONCUSSION  
SUSTAINED BY CHILD  
Lillian Anderson, Aged 4, Was Struck By Automobile Driven By George W. Mann, Whose Machine Was Moving Slowly.

Lillian, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of 157 North Seminary street, was struck by an automobile driven by George W. Mann this morning at 10:30, the child receiving a slight concussion of the brain as the result of the accident.

The steam roller was coming up the right side of North Seminary street and as Mr. Mann's car was about to pass it the child ran out from behind, directly in front of his car. He is said to have been driving rather slowly and stopped before he had gone much more than the length of the car and picked the child up. She was carried to her home and immediately a doctor was summoned, who, upon examination, found no broken bones but a slight concussion of the brain which he did not believe would result seriously.

EYES TURNED TOWARD BARRE.  
Many Visitors Coming for the "Homecoming" July 4.

By to-morrow night the pre-celebration campaign which a community team has launched to provide funds for homecoming day, July 4, will be approaching its last lap. Chairman H. S. Parks stated this forenoon that various returns from the firing line furnished convincing evidence that people in every walk of life are squarely behind the movement to give the service men of Washington and Orange counties a royal welcome.

Encouraging reports from outside towns indicate that Barre will have plenty of assistance July 4. Already delegations of soldiers and sailors are shaping their plans for coming to Barre, and they are to be accompanied by many of the folks who kept the home fires burning when they were with the colors.

Much interest centers around the airplane exhibit and the activities of the whippet tank, two of the most attractive features of the big get-together. Lieut. Lynch, an army aviator, is to have charge of the various flights. The tank, with a detail of men from the tank corps to direct its maneuvers, is coming from Camp Meade, Md. Meanwhile the sports committee is preparing an elaborate card of athletic events, and negotiations are under way for a baseball game. The decoration committee is one of the busiest units in the entire outfit, and its energy is bound to produce large results. Chairman W. G. Reynolds of the general committee contemplates calling the committee together for a checking-up conference in the near future.

While business men, manufacturers and professional men are expected to donate handsomely, emphasis is placed on the fact that every feature of the celebration will be absolutely free. Therefore, the committee is asking every working man to give at least a dollar now. He cannot pay later, for the program will cost him and his family nothing. In this connection, it is stated that the canvassers have no desire to solicit funds from any soldier and sailor. Many of the service men, however, have donated civilian attire, and as they are not personally known in many cases, the canvassers, they are urged when approached to make known their connection with the great war.

There is to be an abundance of good music for the celebration. The hand committee has received the gratifying news that the Barre City band has volunteered its services free of charge for the occasion. Other musical units will appear in the parade and contribute to the concert program during the day.

## TRIUMPHAL ARCH ON MAIN STREET

Will Be One Striking Feature of Homecoming Welcome to Soldiers and Sailors July 4—Names of All Barre Men in Service to Be Placed on Honor Roll—Names Must Be Reported Before June 28.

What promises to be one of the most striking features of the Fourth of July welcome to the soldiers and sailors in Barre is a beautiful arch, emblematic of victory, to be erected at the junction of North Main, Washington and Elm streets, the arch to be large enough for a column of troops to march through in formation of fours abreast. The construction of this arch, now under way, measurements have been made on the street line for the location and the sculptors are at work on the plaster figures which are to surmount the massive structure.

On this arch will be recorded the names of all soldiers and sailors from Barre who went into the world war service; and it is the desire of the committee to have every name on the honor roll before the time for the great welcome. In order to get these names it is necessary for the men themselves or their relatives or their friends to go to the city clerk's office or to B. W. Crocker & Co.'s store and leave the names. The name of every soldier or sailor must be so reported. Don't go on the assumption that the name is known to the committee and will be placed on the honor roll without being reported now. It is especially urged that specific report be made. These names, it is added, must be reported on or before Saturday, June 28, in order to get on the honor roll as it is to be revealed on the Fourth of July.

The arch itself will be a thing of beauty, being made of wood and plaster and painted white so that it will glisten in the sunlight and stand out in clear outline at night. From outer edge to outer edge it will measure 38 feet, with the opening of width sufficient to permit traffic in nearly any kind. The arch will be 14 feet in depth and will, therefore, stand solidly against wind and other pressure. The structure will be surmounted by artistic figures distinctive of the United States and there will be the charging horses suggestive of all triumphal arches.

As already stated, the location of the arch was fixed definitely last night, the site chosen being just north of the watering trough, where it can be plainly seen from all main avenues of approach to the center of the city. The soldiers and sailors will be the first to dedicate the arch, they being given the honor of first passing beneath the massive curve.

Other features of decoration have been decided upon and will include appropriate emblems, patriotic colors and handsome electrical display of colored lights. Indeed Main street is expected to be a blaze of light and beauty when the fall effect is turned on. The decorations will be affixed to the poles and cross wires of the trolley company instead of to the buildings, as usual. This part of the decorations has been placed in the hands of the Imperial Awning & Decorating company of Manchester, N. H., and is expected to be in conformity with the other arrangements for the big day of welcome for returning soldiers and sailors.

OVER 100 COUPLES  
AT SPAULDING BALL  
Annual Alumni Event in Connection with Commencement Was a Marked Success—Concert Preceded the Dance.

The Spaulding Alumni association held its annual concert and ball in the high school auditorium last evening. It was attended by faculty, seniors and an exceptionally large number of alumni, over 100 couples being on the floor throughout the evening.

The concert, which began at 8 o'clock, consisted of several selections by Land's orchestra. They were: Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night"; selections from "The Passing Show"; "Sensation Rose"; "Remick's Hits, 1918-1919"; "Spring Melody" (Sensau), overture, "Narcissus."

This was followed by the dancing, which began about 9 o'clock. The hall was very simply and artistically decorated with butternuts and evergreen and with streamers of green and gold, the senior colors. One of the hallways was transformed by streamers, lanterns and small tables, into an attractive salon, where refreshments were served during intermission by Dorothy Perry, Mildred Sanders, Lillian Papin, Dorothy Glenn, Martha Sowden, Nathalie MacMahon, William Brown, George Douglas, Aubrey Marston, Louis O'Leary and Wendell Smith.

The committee who were so largely responsible for the evident success of the dance were Charles Little, Miss Eva Smith, Miss Frances Burke, Miss Mildred McGue and Norman Gordon.

The committee is indebted to the stores of E. M. Lyon, B. W. Hooker & Co. and the Barre Electric company for the properties generously loaned for the decorations.

LICENSES SUSPENDED.  
Many Motor Vehicle Drivers in Vermont Affected.

Secretary of State Harry A. Black has suspended several automobile operators' licenses for various causes so they cannot operate automobiles. These include Allan A. Morris of Barre, because of alleged improper conduct while operating a machine; F. J. Houston of Northfield for alleged excessive use of intoxicating liquor upon complaint; R. W. Densmore of Burke, as a result of an accident (Densmore has a broken shoulder); Rudolph Bigelow of Newport for operating a car without the owner's permission; and Edwin Camp of Newport for similar reasons. It is understood that the two young men shifted cars without the authority of the owners; Romidas Marin, Barre, for conviction of operating an automobile when intoxicated.

DISCOURAGING SITUATION.  
Presented by William H. Taft on Public Utility Corporations.

New York, June 19.—Testimony that the general situation among the country's public utility corporations is most discouraging and that wage increases, higher cost of materials and kindred circumstances have greatly depressed the financial strength of the companies, was given here today by William H. Taft, as first witness at the federal electric railway commission's hearings into the problems of public utility finance and service.

## LAUNDRY MARK OWNER FOUND?

Man Was Sought as a Witness in Broadwell Case

OFFICERS INTERVIEW  
SPRINGFIELD MAN

It Is Alleged Handkerchief About Mrs. Broadwell's Neck Bore His Mark

It is understood that the much sought laundry mark is alleged to have been on the man's handkerchief about the neck of Mrs. Lucia C. Broadwell when the body of the woman came as found in the Wheelock garden in Barre May 4, has been located in Springfield, Mass., and has been interviewed by persons connected with the investigation of the case. Deputy Sheriff H. C. Lawson, who was closely associated with Detective James R. Wood in ferreting out the case, was called to Springfield by the report that the man had been found; and State's Attorney Davis is said to have gone to Springfield last night to continue the questioning of the man said to be the one wanted.

Ever since the finding of the body of Mrs. Broadwell the state's investigators have desired to locate this man to let him explain how a handkerchief bearing his supposed laundry mark figured in the case. So far as the investigators were able to learn at that time and since then, the man was not in Barre on the night of May 3-4. In fact, the nearest date at which it was known he was in Barre was as far back as February of this year. He had been a more or less frequent visitor in Barre prior to that.

The handkerchief was not the only article found pressed about Mrs. Broadwell's neck, some of her own wearing apparel being used. The body was completely divested of its clothing except for shoes, stockings and gloves.

The man, whose laundry mark is alleged to have been on the handkerchief, is said to be a woodsman.

POWDER IGNITION  
BURNED QUARRYMAN  
Wilbur Clark of Granville Was Poured Explosive Into Seam Hole When the Powder Flashed Up—Right Side of Face Burned Badly.

In an accident of uncertain cause, Wilbur Clark, a quarryman employed as a powder man at the No. 10 quarry of Boutwell, Milne & Varum, was burned on the right leg, arm and right side of his face this morning by the ignition of a charge of powder which he was pouring into a seam hole for a blast. It was said at the hospital that the side of the face was much blackened. The other injuries were not considered so bad as the burn on the face.

Clark himself cannot explain how the powder happened to explode but he said that a match may have dropped from his pocket and was stepped on while he was pouring the powder into the hole. Another theory is that Clark's pipe may have dropped into the hole when a quantity of dirt was being placed in the bottom of the hole preparatory to the placing of the charge of powder and that when the powder was poured into the hole there came the flash of fire which swept up the right side of the man's body. It is said that the exploder had not been placed in the hole.

The amount of powder that went off is not certain, but there may have been as much as two pounds.

The man was attended by Drs. E. H. Bailey and J. H. Woodruff and was then brought to the Barre City hospital, where he was made as comfortable as possible. It will be some weeks before his burns heal sufficiently to permit him to resume work. Clark resides in Granville and has a family.

TAYLOR-HALSALL.  
Wedding at 135 North Seminary Street Last Evening.

A very pretty house wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of W. J. Taylor, 135 North Seminary street, when Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Vena Halsall were united in marriage by Rev. B. G. Lipsey. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Wainwright of Montreal, and the groom was attended by his nephew, Roderick Cameron of Barre.

The bride was prettily arrayed in a blue charmeuse satin and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaid wore white silk.

After the ceremony a wedding